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Nearly 400 readers took part in our Survey, and this is their answer—

GIVE SOCCER PUBLICITY, LEADERSHIP

—AND DISTRICT TEAMS

By FRED VILLIERS, Editor, Soccer News

VICTORIA'S Soccer public have cast a unanimous vote that the code is under publicised.

They demand that the Victorian Soccer Federation take steps to advertise and promote the game more in Melbourne.

Victorian Soccer fans are not happy with the game's administration. They claim many promises were made by the Federation in 1962, but few have been kept.

They feel there is much room for improvement in the way the code is run in Victoria.

Among other things:

Fans want an end to brawls at all games.

A stronger administrative hand.

Top games at Olympic Park on Sundays, and most important.

All foreign names to be dropped from clubs.

Fans demand DISTRICT NAMES for clubs which will end once and for all the nationalistic brawls at games.

All this information comes from the result of our survey which has been conducted over the past three weeks.

In all we received 398 coupons from the ordinary followers of the game, officials and many British migrants who read Soccer News and Soccer World but NEVER attend local games.

The migrants in the last category admit they see touring teams like Everton and Chelsea but refuse to watch State League Soccer because it is too "nationalistic".

They resent the bad language and brawls at games and flatly refuse to be associated with the sport in its present set-up.

This is how the voting went:—

THE VOTING

1. Lack of suitable publicity in newspapers, TV and radio. 40.00%
2. Dissatisfaction with game's management at top. 30.00%
3. Absence of district teams. 11.23%
4. Behaviour of partisan crowds. 1.00%
5. Refereeing standards. 5.00%
6. Uninteresting curtain-raisers. 3.00%
7. Bad distribution of games at Olympic Park. 5.55%
8. Lack of mid-week games under lights. 1.0%
9. Not enough Australian players. .07%
10. General bad sportsmanship displayed throughout the game. .05%

Today on page 5 we publish as many highlights from those who went to the trouble to write letters on the subject.

Some letters will be published in full at a later date.

THE ABC OF BEAUTY

POOLS RESULTS - page 7



• It's time for T..... which stands for TANTALIZING. Her name is Karen van Laun and she has absolutely nothing to do with Soccer but we're told that this scorcher on the beach used to work in a newspaper office.

Perhaps it's as well she didn't work in THIS office . . . her picture alone leaves most Soccer men stunned and speechless.

Tanned torso and windblown hair are the perfect combination for this girl's catch-me-if-you-can appeal.

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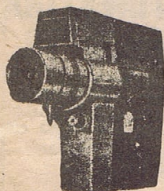
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SYDNEY CLUB WANTS Mac

A top Sydney club are keen to sign Duncan McKay, the "brains" behind the State League club's rise to fame this season.

The Sydney club have already approached MacKay and so far there is "no comment" from both parties.

"You can't keep a good team down," says Croatia secretary Frank Burlin. "We will win our last game against Hakoah next Sunday," he forecasts.

Looking back on the rapid rise of Croatia since captain-coach MacKay and president Enver Begovic

joined the club last April, Croatia can feel proud.

They should finish sixth or seventh in the league depending on the result of Sunday's game.

Last Saturday against Juventus, MacKay played in No. 7 shirt and used the deep centre-forward position to baffle the Juventus defence.

His tactics paid off.

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St George look home

By MARTIN ASTON

St. George Budapest has emerged as a strong favorite to win the Sydney competition.

JUNIORS

In an Under-12 match at Elsternwick last Saturday, the South of the Yarra team defeated Budapest (Adelaide) 7-1.

It was a good win to the Victorian side who exerted their superiority in the first half by scoring six goals without reply.

The second half was even score-wise, although the Vics. had many clear-cut chances and only some fine keeping by Bakursi kept them at bay.

The game as a whole proved one thing, that many fine footballers will come from these youngsters.

Goalscorers: South of the Yarra—S. Pongho (2), A. Pongho (2), Stephen, Simon and Robertson. Budapest—Hegyvari.

Sunshine City club negotiated an exchange of visits with the Auburn (N.S.W.) club.

In Melbourne last Saturday the City Under 14's put up a good performance in drawing 0-0 with the Auburn Under 15's.

Following this game, Councillor Moore of Sunshine City Council presented "Welcome to Sunshine" pennants to the Auburn team and said that he was an Australian Rules fan where they play it hard, but was amazed to see that they played Soccer hard too and it was also very skillful.

BACKGROUND TO SOCCER



Do you think that our officials are doing the right thing by Australia's No. 1 referee Tony Boskovic?

At the moment Boskovic is being kept "on ice" to control the Sydney grand final on September 19, and the semi-finals and the final are going to be shared out to other referees.

The idea of this is to give experience to some of the others and prevent the possibility of Boskovic getting involved in a dispute with any particular club.

Roy Pearce is just one of the leading Sydney referees who have been forced out of the game prematurely in recent years because they have not been able to stand up to such criticism and outbursts from supporters and officials of a particular club competing in the semi-finals and finals.

This is not meant as an affront to Pearce, because he is one of the most conscientious referees ever to be in charge of a Soccer match.

The truth of the matter was that he took his refereeing too seriously and began to worry about whether he had made a mistake to such an extent that his health suffered.

But Boskovic is a different type and at the moment he is getting fed up with being kept on the side-lines.

"I could go stale," he said recently to a friend. Referees are not allowed to make statements to the Press but I know for a fact that Boskovic is of the opinion that if he is the best referee he is entitled to be in charge of the main matches.

And I agree with him. Rugby League's top referee Col Pearce — no relation to Roy Pearce, although they work together — will be in charge of all of his code's semi-finals and finals and this has not prevented him from doing a magnificent job to date.

Norm Jones was in charge of the recent semi-final between Apia and Yugal, and his display could not be compared with the way in which Boskovic controls a match.

He failed to check a lot of "niggling" play and on several occasions there was nearly a serious flare up.

The players know that Boskovic will not stand any nonsense on the field and for that reason he has their respect and confidence and is rarely involved in any incidents.

Morrie Buckner says...

AS usual when teams of an ordinary grade are brought to Australia, the visit of Israeli club Hapoel was a disappointing affair for spectators last week.

Its star half-backs, captain Amatiza Leukovich and Gideon Tish, had been injured in Sydney and failed to appear against the local Hakoah-Hellas combine and, apart from a brief spell of 20 minutes just after the interval, the visitors were hardly in the game except in defence.

This sort of thing could spoil the attraction of international matches for our long-suffering spectators.

SOUTH Melbourne-Hellas has done it again — it has won the State League championship for the second year in a row! And with the tough opposition available in the top grade nowadays, that's no mean feat.

Furthermore, it caps a remarkable record. Hellas won the championship of the First Division North in 1960 and made its first appearance in the State League in 1961, finishing fifth on the ladder. In the four seasons since then, Hellas has won the pennant three times — in 1962, 1964, and 1965. And three out of four is a good record in any league.

WHAT players gave Hellas the keys to the championship this year? Well, since defence played a big part in the club's success, "keeper Sam Service and pivot Andre Roussis must get first mention. And the No. 1 link man and schemer, right wing-half Johnny Anderson, was a major factor in both attack and defence.

Up front, the main goal-makers were the wingers. Right-winger Jimmy Pyrgolios is one of the most improved players in the State League and 18-year-old left-winger Leo Damiakos, already a consistently dangerous and effective player, has the makings of a star. Inside-right Boulis Kamboropoulos found form in the latter half of the season and also helped to "make" goals.

Main goal-scorers were Ernie Acklerley and Mickey Mandalis — before Mickey tragically broke a leg. But the scorers can't score goals without the goal-makers. That's why the biggest palms go to Jimmy, Leo, Boulis, and Johnny Anderson.

But since it takes 11 players to make a team, some of the credit must also go to regular full-backs Jimmy Mantarakas and Steve Kalogeros, left-half Johnny Bedford, and first-reserve players George Pappadopoulos and Peter Koutsouheras.

AND what about George Cross? Including this season, Cross has finished the runner-up five times in the last seven seasons. The only years it finished lower than second were 1963 (third) and 1962 (fifth).

Some will say that, with one round yet to be played, Hellas hasn't won the title from George Cross yet. Mathematically, that's true. But for an upset to occur in the last round, Hellas would have to lose to Melbourne 0-3 while George Cross beats J.U.S.T. 4-0.

The odds against this happening this weekend must be in the region of about a million to one.

HAVE you noticed that the same five teams finished on top of the State League ladder this year and last year? They are Hellas, Cross, Slavia, Juventus, and J.U.S.T.

WHEN young Eugene Snopkowski was suspended by the disciplinary committee for three matches last week, Polonia was left without a goalkeeper. The selectors toyed with the idea of naming another untried goalie in utility junior player Henry Siwka.

Then they remembered Stan Majerczak, a reserve goalie who got married a couple of months ago and dropped out of sight.

They looked him up and talked him into stripping for the game against George Cross. And he didn't do badly for a player who has been out of the game for months — he saved two penalty kicks!

AFTER the first seven rounds had been played this season, Croatia had lost five games and was second-last on the ladder. Then came Duncan Mackay and Croatia took "the cure".

In the last 14 rounds Croatia won 9 games, drew 2, and lost 3. It scored 30 goals and conceded 15. And it hauled itself up to sixth place on the ladder and looks like finishing there. That's a mighty effort.

I saw the first half of Croatia's game against Juventus on Saturday. It's fast, creative, yet deliberate approach play was good to watch, and it had the powerful Juventus defence in plenty of trouble.

And John Currie's hook shot over his left shoulder to score from about eight yards was a gem!

From Olympic Park, I crossed to see the second half of the Slavia-Hakoah game at Port Melbourne. Hakoah had the wind at its back in this period and, winning most of the attack, had at least half-a-dozen chances to score.

But its forwards persisted in shooting high balls at goal, and the 6 ft. 3 in. Ray Barotajs had no trouble receiving each shot safely and nonchalantly.

The dangerous shots — the low ones for the corners of the net — were glaringly absent.

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Tibe gives up farming

Tibe Becsi, the Croatia defender, is back in Melbourne convinced that city life pays better than farming.

He recently tried his hand at farming in Gipps-

land but has returned to his old job as an engineer with United Carpet Mills, at Preston.

Tibe is working for Isaac Spiegel, a Hakoah supporter.

World Cup Chance for 5 Victorians

By MARTIN ASTON

Several more of Victoria's leading players are coming strongly into line to gain a place in Australia's World Cup squad.

They include goal-keeper Sam Service and centre forward Ernie Acklerley, of South Melbourne-Hellas, right winger Attila Abonyi and centre half Alistair Scott, of the Melbourne club, and Jimmy Miller of Juventus.

I have learned this off the record from a source very close to the World Cup coach and virtual sole selector Tiko Yelissavich.

Yelissavich will be making several special trips to Melbourne to watch these players in action, during the next month or two.

As well as this, the Victorian players who did so well in the matches against Chelsea earlier in the season, Anderson, Billy Rice, Nigel Shepherd and Archie Blue, have only to hold their form to be assured of a place in the World Cup squad.

I can reveal that World Cup committee chairman Mr. Jim Bayutti was so impressed with the standard of play which he saw on a recent trip to Melbourne, that he is writing a letter to the Victorian Soccer Federation about it.

In fact Mr. Bayutti is of the opinion that Victoria would be a clear winner if a match was played against New South Wales in the next week or two.

This would indicate that a Victorian club could win the Australian Cup competition for the third year in a row.

Mr. Bayutti has made such a glowing report on Abonyi, that the young Melbourne player must be given a great chance of displacing Roy Bliz as the right winger in Australia's team for the World Cup match against North Korea.

But when it comes to gaining a place in the touring party Abonyi can start packing his bags right now.

We have heard such good reports of Scott that he could go very close to

tippling Billy Rice out of the eventual World Cup team, but both of them appear certain to make the trip.

There is something of a cloud over the young goal-keeper John Roberts who did so well in the games against Chelsea — because he is going overseas on October 28.

He will be having a trial with three well-known English clubs including Manchester City and is planning to try his luck in South Africa if he cannot make the grade there.

Shepherd can consider himself a certainty for the right full-back position, but there is some doubt regarding the N.S.W. left-back George Nuttall.

Nuttall has been out of action for the last six weeks because of a hamstring muscle injury

WEEKEND REFEREES

STATE LEAGUE: Alexandrou, Armstrong, Bartolo, Hecht, Maitland, Stafrace.

FIRST DIVISION

ATHENA v. SUNSHINE CITY (Greenwood)
DANDENONG CITY v. AUSTRIA (Radulovic)
OAKLEIGH v. BOX HILL (Lamb)
COBURG v. ALEXANDER (Pedler)
MORELAND v. SANDRINGHAM (Wootton)
MOONEE PONDS v. MAKEDONIA (Verniers)

SECOND DIVISION

PARK RANGERS v. RICHMOND (Lucas)
FERNTREE GULLY v. ST. ALBANS (Harrison)
LIBERTAS v. SOUTH YARRA (Mather)
UNIVERSITY v. BAYSWATER (Riches)
PRAHRAN v. BRIGHTON (Weeks)
RINGWOOD v. SPRINGVALE (Delange)

THIRD DIVISION

HEIDELBERG v. I.C.I. (Slaats)
MOORABBIN v. TRIDENT (McGhee)
ALTONA v. WAVERLEY (Dixon)
NORTHCOVE v. CROYDON (Muench)
ESSENDON v. AJAX (Finnegan)

FOURTH DIVISION

TULLAMARINE v. LILYDALE (Tisay)
OLYMPIC v. ST. KILDA (Zoumas)
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One that Don missed

George Cross missed two penalties in the first half against Polonia on Sunday. Uwe Kuessner and his split-second sequence camera captured one of them. The top three pictures show Hodgson shooting and Polonia goalie Majerczak ready to dive. The bottom picture shows Majerczak on the ground and the ball rolling around the outside of the upright.



These can win cup

Three players are in the running for the Soccer News Best and Fairest trophy.

They are Tom McPherson, George Cross (26); John Anderson, Hellas (24) and Alistair Scott, Melbourne (23).

With only one round left to play, McPherson must poll three or two votes to be certain of winning. Anderson has the chance of becoming outright winner, and Scott can share first place.

Others to poll well in late runs were McKay of Croatia; Janczyk, Polonia, and Cook, Slavia. All received three votes in the last round, but their total was not big enough to place them in striking distance of the lead.

Here are Saturday's votes:

CROATIA v. JUVENTUS
3—Mackay (C)
2—Voigt (J)
1—McMeechan (C)

MELBOURNE v. J.U.S.T.
3—Rice (J.U.S.T.)
2—Abonyi (M)
1—Scott (M)

SLAVIA v. HAKOAH
3—Cook (S)
2—Stenhurst (H)
1—Barotajs (S)

LIONS v. TRIESTINA
3—Schmit (L)
2—Del Fabbro (T)
1—Hamilton (L)

GEORGE CROSS v. POLONIA
3—Janczyk (P)
2—Horsfall (G.C.)
1—Campbell (G.C.)

S.M.HELLAS v. WILHELMINA
3—Bedford (S.M.H.)
2—Hobson (W)
1—Service (S.M.H.)

PROGRESS

26—McPherson (G.C.)
24—Anderson (Hellas)
23—A. Scott (Melb.)
22—G. Scott (Juv.)
19—McKay, McMeechan (Croatia), Murney (Hakoah).
18—Cook, Short (Slav.), Janczyk (Pol.).

● A full list of voting will be published in Soccer News later this month.

It's the last of the home-and-home State League games and the big Cup battles are ahead. The top four are almost certain to stay as they are — Hellas, George Cross, Slavia, Juventus. But how will the other clubs finish? Who will qualify for the Ampol Night Cup series? Jim Cook here looks at the final six league games.



They look like boxers getting ready to shape up. But it's only Juventus star Terry Luckhurst and Croatia's Bill McIntyre battling for the ball at Olympic Park on Saturday. Croatia scored a shock 1-0 win.—Picture Don Kruska.

LINK WITH ISRAEL

Theo Marmaras, chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, thanked Hapoel, the Tel-Aviv club, for a sporting game against Hakoah-S.M. Hellas, at a reception at the George Hotel, St. Kilda.

He said it was good to see the link between Israel and Australia. Soccer had brought the two countries together through an international sport, and he hoped there would be more games between the two countries in future.

In heavy rain, Hakoah-Hellas beat Hapoel 2-0 after leading 1-0 at half time through a goal by Hugh Murney, the Hakoah half-back.

Hapoel played better soccer in the second half and were unlucky not to gain a goal.

The Combine won the game with a goal through Hellas winger Leo Damianakos.

Sam Service gave a fine display in goal for Hakoah-Hellas and in the second half, Hakoah reserve goalie Ian McDonald, who replaced Service, excelled between the posts with some timely saves. About 4,000 saw the game.

ACTOR WANTS SUNDAY GAME

John Llewellyn, who is appearing in "Hello, Dolly" at Her Majesty's, is a soccer man at heart. For relaxation he likes to kick a ball at weekends.

He's been playing in Sydney but now that he's in Melbourne he wants a game here, but has one request. Never on a weekday — ONLY SUNDAYS.

If there is a Sunday team looking for a winger, John's the man to contact. You can get him at the theatre.

GEORGE CROSS - THE LEAGUE BRIDESMAIDS!

By JIM COOK

The 1965 League race is all over bar the shouting; You can mark Hellas down in your record books as retaining the title they won in 1964, with George Cross being pipped on the post for the fifth time.

George Cross, of course, must beat J.U.S.T. to finish runners-up. And their task won't be easy. J.U.S.T. have already beaten them decisively this season.

If George Cross fail and Slavia beat Polonia (no easy task, either) then Slavia would take second place.

GEORGE CROSS v J.U.S.T.

The old question of "who's gonna be second" could be answered with the result of this match. Likely to be the same answer as it's been so often in the past — George Cross.

Taking the form book as a guide, George Cross should reverse their recent defeat by J.U.S.T. But it won't be easy, despite the unconvincing form of the Footscray side.

With loads of talent on display, this should be a thriller all the way, despite the fact that J.U.S.T. have failed to make the four for the first time in many years.

My tip: George Cross to win.

JUVENTUS v. TRIESTINA

Without a worry in the world and home and dry in the Australian Cup, Juventus face a Triestina side who have struggled bravely and gamely all season without an ounce of luck.

And with little at stake Juventus may be tempted to increase their quota of juniors in the side, especially as a few of the old hands appear out of form.

Only a miracle goal-scoring orgy and a defeat of Lions can save Triestina. In fact, their position looks both hopeless and impossible.

My tip: Juventus to win.

SLAVIA v. POLONIA

Undefeated in their last eight games, Slavia have made a great effort after a somewhat sticky spell earlier in the season.

Choc-a-block full of experience, they are well balanced in both defence and attack and the link-up between the two is excellent.

Polonia must be given full credit for the big gamble they have taken this season in throwing in at least half a team of raw and immature youngsters.

But the boys, well supported with experienced players, have done the club proud and have proved that plenty of talent lies on the doorsteps of the State League clubs in Melbourne.

In this case, however, I expect that Slavia should have the pull.

My tip: Slavia.

HELLAS v. MELBOURNE

Inspired by the tag of 1965 league champions, Hellas should make amends for their recent defeat by Melbourne. And in no uncertain manner.

Melbourne have badly slumped in their past two games and are beset with a 'keeper problem. Neither Urban or Radovanov have proved an able deputy for Surma and they are losing too many soft goals. This has had a shattering effect on the rest of the defence

who were normally rock steady.

If Hellas adopt a more tenacious approach than they did the last time they met they should emerge easy winners.

My tip: Hellas to win.

CROATIA v. HAKOAH

A win here for Croatia and they take over the sixth position in the league ladder from Hakoah. A highly commendable placing for the shock side of 1965.

And Croatia can do it. Having downed all the "big shots", except Slavia, they should outpace Hakoah and fully emphasise their superiority in attack.

Once again Hakoah will have to pin their faith on Murney, John O'Neill and Stenhurst — a half line trio that compares favorably with any in the State League. Pity their other departments didn't match up.

My tip: Croatia to win.

LIONS v. WILHELMINA

Irrespective of the result of the Juventus-Triestina game, Lions only need a division of points here to put the issue beyond doubt.

With a brand new side from goalkeeper to outside left since the start of the season, Lions have vastly improved their game without scoring goals to match their performances.

My tip: A draw.

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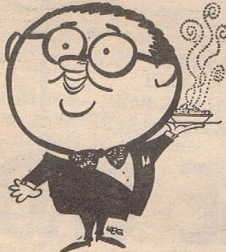
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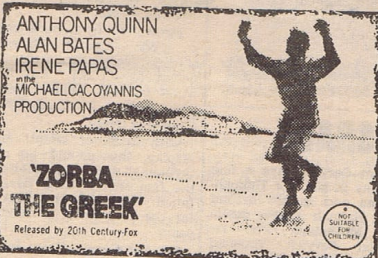
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which ended in a 1-1 draw
after extra time. A replay
is necessary.

Essendon had most of the
play and only a superb dis-
play by the Ringwood goalies
aided by some poor shoot-
ing by Essendon centre-
forward Noel O'Connor
saved Ringwood from de-
feat.

Morrison put Essendon
ahead in the first half, but
Ringwood got the vital
equaliser in the second
term.

EXTRA TIME

Essendon played most
of extra time without
Cliff Davis who had to
leave the field with a sus-
pected burst blood vessel
in his leg.

Although the score of 4-1
indicates an easy win to
Park Rangers over Bell
Park this was not so.

The Geelong boys play-
ed some great Soccer in
the first 20 minutes and
were unlucky not to score
on two of three occasions.
Their main stumbling block
was Bobby Whiteside who
played a great game at
centre-half for the Rangers.

Despite being on the de-
fensive, Rangers scored
through Brian Kelly after
32 minutes.

Luck was on their side as
Austin Whiteside scored
direct from a corner in the
66th minute.

Five minutes later Jimmy
Roseburgh scored from a
good pass from Joe Bray.
Two minutes from time
Jimmy Whiteside scored
from a free kick which
went in off a defender.

Bell Park finally got their
consolation goal one
minute from time.

Bell Park didn't have any
luck in this game and they
even missed a penalty when
Dave Angus brilliantly
saved.

Box Hill made heavy go-
ing of beating 4th Division
club Olympic 4-0. Olympic
fought it out to the final
whistle.

Peter Craig scored the
Hillmen's first goal after
32 minutes. Six minutes
later John Spittal crossed
for Craig to head home.

After half-time, Mike
Smith got number three
with a right foot drive from
an angle shot. Then Peter
Craig completed his hat-
rick when he headed in
another cross from Spittal.

GOOD SHOW

The Pegasus team from
Morewell shouldn't be dis-
couraged with their 2-4 de-
feat by Moreland as they
put up a good performance.

Although George Meikle-
john put Moreland ahead,
Pegasus, kicking with the
win, scored two goals to
take the lead by half-time.

They held the lead till
midway through the sec-
ond half, then Moreland,
who had been unimpre-
sive, forged to the lead
with a hat-trick from Dun-
can Carmichael.

Carmichael scored the
fourth goal but the young
Pegasus boys didn't give
up trying.

Coburg ran out 2-0 win-
ners over Athena in a hard-
fought game.

Coburg's superior foot-
ball ability told in the end,
but it took them till the
second half to score.

Roy Yearls was the
man on target scoring both
of their goals.

1st DIVISION

Relegation again takes
the limelight and the
matches of interest are
those between Moreland v.
Sandringham, Moonee
Ponds v. Makedonia and
Athena v. Sunshine City.

I'll go for Sunshine City
to beat Athena. No doubt
the City boys will be put-
ting up a last ditch stand to
retain their Division One
status.

**METROPOLITAN ROUND-
UP.** We regret this preview
was compiled before the
Federation revised fixtures
for the week-end.

Metropolitan round-up with Martyn Harris

After a hard struggle in
which no holds will be
barred, I'll take Moreland
to beat Sandringham and
thus improve their posi-
tion. A win here is essen-
tial to Moreland and I
think the boys will have
enough fight to carry them
through.

Alexander have relaxed
now that they are cham-
pions and Coburg, who
always play good football,
are capable of taking the
points.

Box Hill to beat Oakleigh
and Dandenong to beat
Austria.

2nd DIVISION

St. Albans, although as-
sured of promotion want
to become outright cham-
pions and for that reason
I go for them to defeat
Fernree Gully.

Libertas should improve
their chances of promo-
tion with another easy win
over South Yarra.

Richmond still in the
hunt for promotion have
come across Park Rangers
at the wrong time, because
the Rangers are bang in
form. I put my money on
Rangers to score an upset
victory.

Another team in with a
chance is Rangwood. They
should beat Springvale, but
percentage is against them
if they hope to gain promo-
tion.

Other winners: Univer-
sity and Brighton.

3rd DIVISION

Frankston have already

4th DIVISION

With Hercules already in
next year's Third Division,
focus is on Albion and
Glenroy.

Glenroy have only a slim
chance of promotion as
they are four points behind
Albion with three games to
go.

Albion should virtually
clinch the issue with a win
over Chelsea, but Glenroy
might have a little trouble
in downing Helvetic.

Other winners: Tullar-
marine, St. Kilda and Her-
cules.

CLUB NEWS

Sunshine City are annoy-
ed, as their application for
the Harry Armstrong Cup,
although forwarded to the
Federation, was not re-
ceived. The only notifica-
tion the club got of this
was when they read in a
bi-weekly newspaper of the
draw.

I realise this is a rare
occasion, but I feel the
Federation could at least
contact clubs that haven't
submitted an entry to avoid
such instances as these.

In a friendly match last
Saturday, Sunshine City
drew 1-1 with Brighton.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HAKOAH?

By STEPHEN KALUS

Hakoah's claim to be in the top family
of Australian Soccer received a shot in
the arm when their State League and
reserve teams were marching from victory
to victory early this season.

But what has happened to
them? Now they can't
win a game and the first
team has been pushed out
of the top four.

Who is to blame for the
downfall?

Who is responsible for
the loss of the Blue and
White team spirit? The
players, the coach or the
executive?

Hakoah supporters are
disappointed with the one
very strong club sponsored
by the Melbourne Jewish
community.

Committee members are
openly blaming the man-
agement of the club for the
failure.

They claim the club's de-
cline began when Hakoah
decided to unload the team
and make some money
leaving the first team with-
out reserve players.

Club members blame the
executive for failing to
establish a recruiting body.
They say time and money
was wasted last season in
importing players from
England and Scotland, some
of which didn't make the
grade.

Committee members say
the executive did not pay
enough attention to juniors
and as a result it is the
only State League club
which did not have a
junior in the first team for
the past five or six years.

The policy adopted in
sponsoring competitive
junior teams Hakoah and

Hakoah-Ajax also prove
unsuccessful.

Hakoah's next annual
meeting looks like being
the stormiest on record as
it is believed members will
ask for the club to be
known by a district name,
like Middle Park or St.
Kilda.

If Hakoah change to a
district name they will re-
ceive all the support Soc-
cer News can give them.
They will not only have our
blessing but also that of
many new Soccer follow-
ers who have expressed a
wish for State League clubs
to be known by district
names.—Editor.)



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SURVEY: FANS WANT SOUND ADMINISTRATION

Today we publish more letters from the many hundreds of readers who took part in our survey to find "What's Wrong With Soccer?"

We have received letters in Greek and Italian, and some readers, including club officials, have written lengthy letters on how to improve the game.

The survey confirmed a drop in crowds.

Many readers said they only watched Soccer "occasionally" but in previous years they had been "regulars".

Lack of interest and poor main games were the reasons given for the fall off.

To all these loyal Soccer News readers we say a very big THANK YOU for taking part in this important survey.

We have had to abbreviate letters in order to publish as many as we can, but we have tried to lift out only the very essence of them.

In presenting these comments from the people who keep Soccer going in Victoria, Soccer News hopes that those responsible for the administration of the game will take note on what the public want in Soccer.

Many of the suggestions made are sound and with a little effort can be put into practice to the betterment of all concerned.

Here are this week's letters:

● Television publicity must be obtained either through a sponsor or by spending Federation funds. I cannot attend weekend games but would attend mid-week games if they were held under floodlights at Olympic Park. Congratulations on providing an excellent Soccer paper. — D. Black, 6 Rose Ave., Boroona.

● Being a newcomer to Soccer I'm interested in your survey. I have only seen a couple of games. I would like to see the teams published every week before the games. I would also like to know how to get to the grounds. I would also like to have a book of the rules. How would a person go about being a member? I like the Hakoah club. Can I buy a season ticket, if so how much? Grounds need more stands with cover. — Miss P. Bruce, 5 Reed St., Albert Park.

(Please write to Mr. Kurt Defris, Hakoah secretary, Clubrooms, Albert Park, for details of Hakoah membership.—Editor.)

● Biggest wrong in Soccer is the appointment of persons in top positions of the Federation who have never kicked a ball and the worst thing is that these persons belong to State

League clubs. These people only look after the interest of their own club and not Soccer in general. Survey or no survey, I don't think anything will be done about these people. Get a committee to look after the referees and penalise them or award them votes for their performances. At the end of the season award a trophy or a trip for two for the best refs. Increase their fees. — John Pantopoulos, 10 Lydia Ave., Nth. Campbellfield.

● Teams with low followings in State League should have district names, e.g. Hakoah and Slavia. More publicity is required. — John Wilson, 37 David Ave., East Keilor.

● Every State League club should have a scoreboard and most important a public address system because this is the only way to make the players known to the casual supporter. — E. Wenckowski, 17 Farnan St., Westgarth.

● There should be more advertising and more publicity of Soccer in Victoria. — Miss Anita Beck, 2 Darcombe Ave., Kew.

● Soccer will improve only with its own TV show and more publicity. — P. Fel, 46 Hilton St., Glenroy.

● The game doesn't get enough publicity in the papers, on TV or radio. — Cecil Dallas, 7 Lerina St., Clayton.

● Reason why people stay away from Soccer is (i) the referees, (ii) rough play, (iii) bad sportsmanship by some players. Improve the standard of referees (some are too old) and clean up the rough play. — J. Kohek, 17 Geum St., Glenroy.

● Soccer will never progress until brawls are stamped out. It is no use blaming Jack Dyer for attacking Soccer, he gets all the ammunition he wants. Even if the brawls were to stop now for good, it will take years to live them down. — John W. Gill, 22 Grey St., East Geelong.

● Victorian Soccer is too local. There should be clubs from Geelong and other towns in Victoria for example — Bendigo, Ballarat, Ringwood, Frankston, Yallourn, etc. The Federation should give all fans the opportunity to watch a good game.

Soccer needs a new image and a major public relations plan. Soccer all over the world is played city against city, town against town. Why then should we confine the game to Melbourne? Removing country teams from the leagues was a backward step. Administration should be by impartial men, not club. Engage a public relations man to sell the game and create a new image. — J. James Lindsay, 23 Glebe Ave., Frankston.

● The Federation should publish a guide to the rules of Soccer with illustrated diagrams to help people get to know the game. It should be a small handbook, pocket size. — L. Erakovich, 8 Turner St., Pascoe Vale South.

● Put a full half hour on TV not just 3 or 4 minutes like we have now. Show the public what Soccer is. Get the Federation to sponsor a TV show. Stage a first-class Soccer game at Olympic Park say between Real Madrid or Internazionale Milan or Manchester United and Glasgow Rangers. Help the juniors every way possible. — Tony Marzin and sister, 8 Clive Ave., Mentone.

More Letters from our Survey will be published next week

● There is only one way to improve Soccer — form a National League; scrap all foreign names; get rid of officials with national affiliations; co-operate with TV and Press especially the ABC; stop importing players and concentrate on local talent. — John Polotzek, 40 Alfrida St., St. Albans.

● Australians must be taught the rules of the game through the Press. There should be more news about State League matches. In the papers we only see a couple of lines about every match. I am sure that if the public gets to know more about the weekly games, attendances will increase. All that the public know from the daily papers are the dark spots but never the bright ones. — Francis Xnereb (Melbourne).

● Soccer is still being carried by the bulk, by non-British migrants, therefore it is natural for many to stop following their respective team which has become a refuge for incompetent second graders from Great Britain who have in most cases superseded skill to brawn — Josef Brim (Melbourne).

● Federation should be run independently. Clubs should be heavily penalised for bad behaviour of their supporters (bad language and fights keep decent people away from the game). Improve the grounds, even Olympic Park needs drainage. Scoreboards with clocks at all grounds. Get some uniformity in paying the players. Firm timetable for fixtures. Publicise teams during the week. Spend more money on juniors. Don't bring more than one or two overseas teams a year to Australia — Josef Tesar, 40 Kerferd Rd., Albert Park.

● I enjoy your informative paper. I assure you it's no fault of yours that people are staying away from Soccer. The publicity Soccer gets is not good enough. Why doesn't the Sun, Age and Australian have more news? The Globe is second best after Soccer News. Form a National League immediately. Play a game like Manchester United v. Milan at the M.C.G. — Joe Ganci, 75 Bloomfield Rd., Ascot Vale.

Prague U16 undefeated

Prague, the N.S.W. under 16 team, were undefeated during their two games in Melbourne last week-end.

The beat Juventus U16 7-1 on Saturday and drew 3-3 with George Cross U16 on Sunday.

George Cross goalkeepers were: Camilleri, Cuenca, S. Lattara.

Both games were played at Heidelberg.

ROWLEY'S FIVE

Hakoah forward Bill Rowley kicked five of his team's seven goals when they beat Box Hill reserves 7-2 last week-end.



Ugly scenes from a match between Santos and Milan which resulted in a 2-0 victory for the Italian side. Rather surprisingly the Brazilian player (white shirt) throwing his fists in all directions is Pelé—obviously trying to prove that he is no mean hand at the noble art of boxing.

VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION

OFFICIAL REPUDIATION OF INACCURATE NEWS-PAPER REPORT PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1965

On Monday last, a daily newspaper published an article dealing with an alleged dispute between the Chairman of the State League Management Committee and the Committee of Management for Albert Park, who are Trustees of the Middle Park ground, and purporting to describe how he forced South Melbourne Hellas to play against their wishes by use of threats.

This article concluded with the words "It is understood an enquiry will be held as to the authority of the State League Chairman to threaten a Club with loss of points when the ground is declared unplayable by the Ground Manager."

The Victorian Soccer Federation wishes to make it clear to all followers of the sport, that although a double was expressed on Saturday morning about the condition of the ground, when the circumstances under which a game might be postponed because of bad ground conditions were explained to Senator Kennedy of the Albert Park Committee, no objections were made to the playing of the game S.M. Hellas v. Wilhelmina. In his capacity as Chairman of the Grounds and Fixtures Committee Mr. Kovac did discuss ground conditions with Senator Kennedy and

with the fullest co-operation of Mr. Van Hoboken of R.S.C. Wilhelmina and Mr. Theo. Marmaras, of S.M. Hellas, preparations for the game continued as usual and at no time was any statement, official or unofficial, to the effect that the game would not be played, made by an official of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Television announcements that this game had been postponed were wholly unauthorised.

As this irresponsible report has caused some embarrassment to the officials named, the Federation once again wishes to remind supporters (and reporters) that, by the Laws of this game, the only person concerned with Soccer with authority to examine a pitch and declare it fit or unfit for play, before a game is the Referee. Provision is made in the Law, that where the appointed Referee for that game is not available on the morning of the match, and ground conditions appear bad, the Home Team should ask any Referee living locally who is of at least the same grade as the Referee appointed for the game, to come and inspect the pitch.

One Sunday last, the appointed Referee, Mr. Stataface, inspected the pitch before the game and declared that it was quite satisfactory. On this decision the game was played.

— G. T. EDGAR, Secretary-Manager, Victorian Soccer Federation.

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THE MAGIC EYE COMES TO SOCCER

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RIGHT: Polonia's goalkeeper Majerczak slips to the ground in the teeth of goal. Vic Janczyk pushes Don Hodgson out of the way as Polonia full-back Blank (No. 3) races in.



With Hodgson out of the way, Janczyk darts in to cover the ball. Sigmund Gross appears in the background.



George Cross forward Bob Mayle appears on the scene and shoots his foot at the ball, but Janczyk slams his right foot down between Mayle and the ball. Meanwhile the goalkeeper is recovering from his tumble.



LEFT: Janczyk sits on the ground, and positions the ball between his legs to prevent Mayle from scoring.

RIGHT: Janczyk rolls over and slips the ball back as Majerczak springs to his feet.

BELOW RIGHT: Majerczak pounces on the ball just as Hodgson moves back on the scene. This action took only two seconds to pass — and Uwe Kuessner shot these six shots in that time.



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VICTORIAN LEAGUE TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M. Hellas	21	14	4	3	51	18	32
George Cross	21	13	4	4	43	19	30
Slavia	21	12	5	4	40	23	29
Juventus	21	14	0	7	42	25	28
J.U.S.T.	21	12	2	7	39	27	26
Croatia	21	10	3	8	38	28	23
Hakoah	21	8	7	6	32	24	23
Polonia	21	6	7	8	18	24	19
Wilhelmina	21	5	6	10	28	41	16
Melbourne	21	2	8	11	20	38	12
Lions	21	4	4	15	16	38	8
Triestina	21	1	4	16	17	64	6

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	20	14	3	3	57	18	31
George Cross	20	14	3	3	61	26	31
Hakoah	21	11	2	8	78	35	24
Croatia	19	10	2	7	54	39	22
Lions	19	10	2	7	44	33	22
Wilhelmina	20	10	1	9	70	54	21
Slavia	21	9	3	9	45	38	21
Polonia	20	9	2	9	44	44	20
J.P.S.T.	19	9	1	9	41	50	19
Melbourne	19	6	3	10	46	52	15
S.M. Hellas	19	4	2	13	20	52	10
Triestina	19	0	0	19	8	128	0

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Alexander	21	15	2	4	59	18	32
Makedonia	21	11	7	3	38	13	29
Coburg	21	10	3	8	41	33	23
Dandenong	21	9	4	8	30	32	22
Austria	21	7	7	7	26	30	21
Box Hill	21	8	4	9	38	39	20
Athens	20	6	7	7	33	33	19
Oakleigh	21	8	3	10	36	40	19
Sandringham	21	7	4	10	25	43	18
Moonee Ponds	21	6	5	10	31	52	17
Moreland	20	5	15	10	23	35	16
Sunshine City	21	5	5	11	24	38	15

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Albans	21	14	2	5	55	22	30
Libertas	20	10	7	3	40	25	27
Ferntree Gully	20	12	3	5	67	43	27
Richmond	21	12	3	6	57	40	27
Springvale	21	11	5	5	42	28	27
Brighton	21	10	6	5	48	37	26
University	21	11	3	7	45	36	25
Prahran	21	6	4	11	35	51	16
Park Rangers	21	7	1	13	37	71	15
Bayswater	21	2	4	15	28	50	8
South Yarra	21	2	2	17	40	82	6

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Frankston	21	17	1	3	73	16	35
Altona	21	15	2	4	50	33	32
Ajax	21	14	2	5	53	29	30
Trident	20	13	0	7	38	35	26
Moorabbin	21	11	1	9	37	40	23
Essendon	20	10	2	8	26	29	22
F.N.D.	21	8	4	9	59	45	20
Waverley	21	8	4	9	36	32	20
Heidelberg	21	9	2	10	25	24	20
Northcote	21	4	4	13	26	57	12
Croydon	21	3	2	16	26	63	9
I.C.I.	21	0	2	19	16	91	2

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hercules	21	17	3	1	73	24	37
Albion	20	16	2	2	80	15	34
Glenny	19	14	2	3	59	16	30
Mooroolbark	21	10	2	9	69	51	22
St. Kilda	20	11	0	9	43	46	22
Helvetic	21	8	4	9	41	48	20
Tullamarine	18	9	1	8	39	40	19
Olympic	21	7	3	11	40	54	17
Lilydale	21	5	1	15	32	93	11
Airport West	21	2	1	18	27	108	5
Melita	21	0	0	21	6	35	0

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	21	20	1	0	76	13	41
Sunshine City	21	13	4	4	57	19	30
Dandenong	21	13	4	4	65	28	30
Sandringham	21	12	0	9	58	36	24
Moreland	21	8	6	7	26	30	24
Austria	21	8	4	9	40	39	20
Makedonia	21	8	4	9	28	43	20
Alexander	21	7	4	10	36	44	18
Coburg	21	6	3	12	26	45	13
Oakleigh	21	4	5	12	19	45	13
Moonee Ponds	21	2	4	15	16	59	10
Athens	21	2	5	14	21	72	9

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton	19	14	1	4	68	23	29
Park Rangers	20	11	3	6	45	26	25
University	19	11	2	6	33	26	24
St. Albans	19	9	3	7	32	37	21
Ferntree Gully	19	8	3	8	34	35	19
Prahran	19	6	4	9	44	45	16
Ringwood	19	6	4	9	44	45	16
Springvale	19	7	2	10	32	35	16
Libertas	19	5	5	9	18	35	15
Bayswater	19	7	0	12	38	50	14
South Yarra	19	5	4	10	27	62	13

LAST WEEK-END IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leeds	4	0	1	3	8	3	8
Tottenham	3	1	0	2	4	7	4
Everton	3	1	1	1	3	7	7
Sheffield U	3	1	1	1	8	7	7
West Brom	3	0	2	1	7	6	6
Burnley	2	2	1	0	6	6	6
Chelsea	2	2	1	0	8	6	6
Nottingham	2	2	1	0	8	6	6
Liverpool	2	1	1	0	6	4	5
Newcastle	2	1	2	0	6	5	5
Stoke	1	3	1	7	7	3	5
Sunderland	2	1	2	8	8	5	5
Man. United	1	3	1	5	6	5	5
Arsenal	1	2	1	6	7	4	4
Leicester	1	2	2	11	12	4	4
Sheffield W	2	0	3	7	11	4	4
Fulham	1	1	3	9	7	1	3
West Ham	1	1	3	7	12	3	3
Aston V	1	1	3	7	12	3	3
Blackburn	1	0	2	5	9	2	2
Northampton	1	0	2	4	9	2	2
Blackpool	0	1	4	6	15	1	1

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mansfield	4	0	0	8	2	8	2
Millwall	3	0	1	5	1	6	1
Walsall	2	0	0	5	1	6	1
Watford	2	0	0	5	1	6	1
Exeter	2	1	1	9	4	5	4
Gillingham	2	1	1	9	4	5	4
Swindon	1	3	1	4	2	5	5
Grimsby	2	1	0	6	5	5	5
Derby	1	2	1	7	6	5	5
Bristol R.	1	2	1	7	6	5	5
Oxford	1	2	1	4	10	4	4
Brentford	2	0	2	9	10	4	4
Bournemouth	1	2	2	4	6	3	3
York	1	1	2	3	7	3	3
Southend	1	1	2	3	7	3	3
Wokington	0	2	1	3	5	2	2
Reading	0	2	1	3	6	2	2
Southampton	0	2	1	3	6	2	2
Oldham	0	1	3	4	11	1	1
Brighton	0	1	3	3	9	1	1
Swansea	0	1	3	2	10	1	1

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Barnsley	3	1	0	6	3	3	7
Tranmere	3	1	0	6	3	3	7
Doncaster	3	1	0	6	3	3	7
Barrow	2	2	0	10	7	6	6
Torquay	2	2	0	10	7	6	6
Colchester	2	1	1	9	5	5	5
Rochdale	2	1	1	9	5	5	5
Nottingham	2	1	1	9	5	5	5
Aldershot	1	1	1	9	5	5	5
Luton Town	2	0	2	6	7	4	4
Port Vale	2	0	2	6	7	4	4
Newport	1	1	2	3	4	3	3
Crewe	1	1	2	3	4	3	3
Wrexham	1	1	2	3	4	3	3
Hartlepool	1	1	2	3	4	3	3
Bradford C	1	0	3	7	3	3	3
Lincoln	1	0	3	7	3	3	3
Stockport	1	0	3	7	3	3	3
Halifax	0	2	2	4	8	2	2
Chesham	1	1	2	4	8	2	2
Darlington	0	2	2	2	5	2	2

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bolton	4	1	0	3	4	3	4
Huddersfield	3	1	1	2	4	3	4
Southampton	3	1	1	2	4	3	4
Bristol C	2	0	0	6	4	7	4
Coventry	2	0	0	6	4	7	4
Man. City	2	0	0	6	4	7	4
Cardiff	3	0	2	10	9	7	7
Cardie	3	0	2	10	9	7	7
Birmingham	1	4	0	6	5	6	6
Rotherham	2	1	2	8	6	5	5
Ipswich	2	1	2	8	6	5	5
Portsmouth	2	1	2	8	6	5	5
Wolves	2	0	3	11	9	4	4
Preston	1	2	2	10	11	4	4
Charlton	1	2	2	10	11	4	4
Crystal P.	1	2	2	6	9	4	4
Norwich	1	2	2	6	9	4	4
Middlesbrough	0	3	1	1	5	4	4
Bury	1	1	3	7	10	3	3
Derby	1	1	3	7	10	3	3
Leyton	0	1	4	5	12	1	1

DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
LITTLEWOODS British Soccer	24	15	4	5	51	18	32
Treble Chance	24	15	4	5	51	18	32
12 Match Points Pool	23	15	4	5	51	18	32

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

POOLS GUIDE

By "THE RAMBLER"

With the British Soccer season in full swing Big Soccer Pool dividends are in the offering. Don't miss out. Keep watching these columns for the pick of the perms which not only include the

There are some nice blokes in Soccer. As a goodwill gesture Mike Weinstein and Isaac Spiegel provided a tour of Healesville for the Hapoel Israeli team before they left Melbourne on Friday.

SOME JUNIORS DO MAKE IT!

Over the past few years the cry has gone up in many quarters, "build up the sides with at least a few local juniors". A commendable suggestion and one that is beginning to pay-off.

In the past three or four years only a trickle of youngsters have matured and still hold down regular first team placings. They include Mike Mandalis, Attilio Aboyni, Billy Vojtek, Marko Fodo and Henri Surma.

This season a record has been attained. And the production of juniors to the senior ranks has never been greater.

Youngsters who have arrived on the scene and either gained regular first team placings or extended runs in the big side are:

★ Snopkowski, Marmour, Blank, Siwka and Plaskota, Olinowski, Czerniecki and Wrubel (Polonia).

★ Kastener and Finch (George Cross).

★ Damanikos (Hellas).

★ Di Marchi, Fogale and Del Rocca (Juventus).

★ Shanks and Urban (Melbourne).

★ Treffers (Wilhelmina).

★ On again, off again. That was the story at Middle Park. A Wilhelmina official and a Middle Park trustee decided that the Hellas-Wilhelmina match would not be played on Sunday because the ground was unfit for play. GTV9 announced that it was OFF. When the referee arrived he announced that it was ON. As a result of the mix up many Greek fans were seen watching the George Cross-Polonia match at Olympic Park.

★ Among the guests at Hellas v. George Cross game was the Greek Consul and Senator Pat Kennelley.

★ Sydney Soccer club APIA may sponsor a visit to Australia next year by Italian first division side Catania. According to Joe Lo Bianco, the APIA president, two games would be played in Sydney and two in Melbourne with Hellas supplying the opposition in one of the Melbourne matches.

★ Bobby McLauchlan, Croatia wing half, who was carried off the ground at Olympic Park last Saturday, spent six hours in the Alfred Hospital with concussion. He didn't remember what happened to him but he's OK now.

★ Have you heard the Hakoah team song? It's terrific. After the Hapoel game last Wednesday the boys got together at the George Hotel, St. Kilda, and believe me, it was delightful. I'd say Hakoah would have the best team of chorists in Victorian Soccer.

★ It is believed Ian McDonald, the Hakoah reserve goalie, has asked for transfer to Croatia.

★ Lions three pronged protest over the recent game with Wilhelmina and which concerned three of the Ringwood players was again dismissed after the Essendon club had appealed against the earlier decision of the Federation that there was no breach of the rules.

★ Tipped in certain Sydney quarters for the post of assistant manager of the Australian World Cup side is Mike Weinstein, of Hakoah. Seems likely that Jim Bayutti who is vice-chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation will be the manager.

★ Heard somebody broke into the Carlton dressing rooms and stole Ron Barassi's false teeth! A Soccer fan?

★ Something I've been shouting about for years. Give our players good playing surfaces and the standard of Soccer will improve. Proof of this was very much in evidence on the luscious green turf of Middle Park.



Here's a fine action shot of Dino Di Marchi the Juventus hat-trick specialist in action at Olympic Park on Saturday —Photo: Don Hruska.

★ A crowd of 1,600 at tended the George Cross Malta Day Ball in the Royale Ballroom last Saturday evening. Among the guests were the Rt. Hon. Arthur Calwell, Mr. Theo Marmaras and Mrs. Harry Dockerty.

★ Bad luck still dogs Sandy Jones, the Slavia centre forward. Recently returned to the first team after a long lay-off through a leg injury he pulled a muscle in mid-week training and had to call off in the game against Hakoah.

★ Another player who has been in the wars all season, Alex Purdie, of Hakoah. Alec went into Hospital for a cartilage operation on Monday — a bad blow for Hakoah who are sorely missing the strong-going winger.

★ Who do you reckon popped up at the George Cross Ball? None other than our old friend— Freddy Falzon who has been with Prague for the past two seasons. Fred was down in Melbourne with Ernie Small in charge of the Prague juniors.

WHICH of the nine "No. 9" centre forwards used by England since the 1962 World Cup will team manager Alf Ramsey dial for international duty in the 1968 championships in England?

The nine leaders tried were Gerry Hitchens (still in Italy), Alan Peacock (Middlesbrough when capped, now Leeds), Ray Charnley (Blackpool), Johnny Byrne (West Ham), Bobby Smith (Sheff. Spurs now Brighton), Fred Pickering (Everton), Frank Wignall (Nottingham Forest), Barry Bridges (Chelsea) and Mick Jones (Sheffield United).

Ruled out

Hitchens and Smith can be ruled out. Peacock and Charnley were the choices of the previous international team manager, Walter Winterbottom, who also used such notable "No. 9" names as Joe Baker (then Hibernian, now Arsenal), Ray Crawford (then Ipswich, now West Bromwich) and Ray Pointer (then Burnley, now Bury).

Add the names of Martin Chivers (Southampton) and Geoff Hurst (West Ham), younger leaders in the Under-23 colours, and the total is fourteen, all still active footballers.

Centre forward is thus underlined as England's position in international football to fill. Or else there must be a gentle Soccer curse on all the No. 9's!

Another No. 9 is now attracting England attention — Bobby Brown, sandy-haired, 6ft., 12st. centre forward of newly-promoted Northampton Town.

Watched

Manager Ramsey saw him score in the first game of the season at Everton. I watched Brown outjump Arsenal's double centre half stanglehold of Ian Ure and Terry Neill to score again.

Brown, then twenty-one, was Britain's Olympic centre forward in Rome in 1960. As a Barnet amateur he was coached by Chelsea's Tommy Docherty. Tom Finney had Brown in his Far East touring squad. Nine League clubs wooed this amateur goal king. But, as so often happens in football and boxing, the good amateur stayed amateur too long. Life alongside the pros was difficult at Fulham (where they let him go).

★ Of the Wilhelmina side which won the Dockerty Cup in 1958 and the State League championship in 1959, only one first team player of that era remains in the present side— Jim Kenken. Hans Petersen, also a member of the 1958-59 Wilhelmina side is the only other player still playing in State League. He is, of course, still in the game with George Cross. Wilhelmina side of those days for those with nostalgic memories was: Janssen, Sloothaak, Mathysen, Noy, Westerveld, Remmers, Luyten, Keuken, Yntema, De Bruyckere and Petersen.

★ Willie Hamilton, the Lions right half and captain, and Billy Cook the Slavia centre half, were team-mates in Scotland. Both played with Kilmarnock at the same time.

★ Jackie Dudon has long since passed his century of league games for Polonia. Ziggy Gross recently chalked his 100 up and it won't be long before Vic Janczyk reaches three figures to make it 300 for these three players.

★ Top officials of George Cross and Hellas praised highly the display of Geoff Harrison the referee at their game last Sunday.

POOLS IN PLENTY

★ If all the pools coupons that poured through the letter boxes for the start of the football season were opened up and placed end to end they would have stretched across the Atlantic Ocean and half way back to Britain.

★ I like Brian Glanville's "World Football Handbook, 1966" (Mayflower Books Ltd., 5s.) but cannot understand the action picture of "Bobby Charlton in action in the 1965 FA Cup Final." Funny, I thought Liverpool beat Leeds in that!

Watford (given a free transfer) and Northampton (where he nearly did not make the grade) Suddenly Brown developed last season, stopped going for all the aimless passes — "debris" as manager Dave Bowen describes them—and grabbed thirteen promotion goals in seventeen games.

Ray in goal, not in goal

★ Ray Barotajs, the Slavia goalkeeper, went to goal on Wednesday night!

Yes, Pentridge! He went there with a party of sportsmen to talk to the "guests" on Soccer.

He answered many questions on the game and was well received.

★ Hellas entertained George Cross, Hakoah and many other officials and guests at a reception in the Hakoah Clubrooms after the game. Short speeches were made by Theo Marmaras (V.S.F.), Senator Kennelley, Lou Debono (George Cross) and the Greek Consul.

★ One of the most promising of Polonia's younger brigade is left back Blank who shows sound positional sense and is first rate in aerial duels. Blank has another claim to fame. For taking over the goalkeeper's jersey after Snopkowski was ordered off against Lions he distinguished himself with many fine saves.

When airborne, Brown joins the memory. For a second there is a touch of the Tommy Lawton about him—and Tommy was the man who made the "No. 9" job such a comfortable selection exercise for England.

Gutsy

With Bobby Smith's beef about England had another Nat Lofthouse, old-fashioned in style, feared throughout Europe for the gutsy directness of his physical game. Without Smith the England front line is not getting the goals which clever persistent and sound midfield play deserves.

CENTRE FORWARDS, THE No. 9 JERSEY AWAILS YOU!

SWIFT ANSWER

SWIFTLY the FA have moved in to give their side of the story as far as the World Cup ticket allocation is concerned.

Last week, I told of Brazilian criticism that (a) not enough seats were being made available for the fans; (b) tickets could not be guaranteed for all Brazilian matches and (c) English hotels were asking for the entire bill paid well in advance of the July 1968, playing date.

World Cup Publicity Officer Mr. Harold Mayes, writes to say the governing factor about ticket allocation is that the total seating capacity is just 25 per cent. of the total number of tickets available.

PERCENTAGE

Large block applications have to be dealt with on a percentage basis—12 per cent. of Grade 1 tickets, 24 per cent. of Grade 2, 32 per cent. of Grade 3 and 4.

The FA has set up a pool at every World Cup ground to accommodate supporters of the teams which play in the different Group areas.

The ticket demand from Brazilians is particularly heavy as they have known from the start they will be playing in the Finals. It would have been wrong, we feel, to have satisfied their demands for all Grade 1 tickets (seats) so that when later qualifying countries come along for their allocations the tickets would not be available in the required percentages," says Mr. Mayes.

★ Despite rumours of a rift between the player and club, Bob Sharp, the Lions forward, has been absent from the Essendon side's line-up for the past two games through a thigh injury received against Wilhelmina. At least a couple of top sides are likely to bid for Sharp whether Lions stay up or go down.

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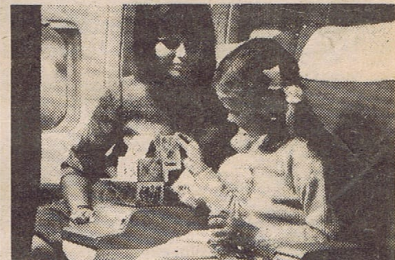
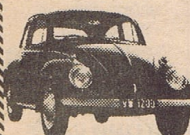
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